

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 162

By Godsey

A RESOLUTION To name a bridge in Sullivan County in honor of the late Joseph Julian Henry.

WHEREAS, From time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those outstanding citizens who during their lifetimes distinguished themselves as invaluable assets to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, The late Joseph Julian Henry was born July 31, 1890, as the oldest of three siblings; he enlisted in the United States Army in 1918 and was honorably discharged in 1919 after serving in combat as a member of the infantry; and

WHEREAS, In 1926, Mr. Henry met and married his beloved wife, Josie Elizabeth Millhorn; and

WHEREAS, Eleven years later, he purchased and disassembled a home located near the Tri-City Regional Airport and proceeded to move it, piece by piece, near Holston River Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry then ferried the pieces of the home across the river in a small boat with the help of several nephews, and after many trips and several days he completed the move and the reconstruction of the home, where he lived until his death on August 3, 1979; and

WHEREAS, The good people of Sullivan County have petitioned this Body to name this bridge on State Route 75, near where the home still stands, as a lasting tribute to John Julian Henry; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly most heartily concurs in this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the bridge spanning the Holston River on State Route 75 just north of Boone Dam in Sullivan County is hereby designated as the "John Julian Henry Memorial Bridge" in honor of this distinguished Tennessean.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "John Julian Henry Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this act shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.